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Harris-Stowe's Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences to Host Constitution Day

WHO: The College of Arts & Sciences Department of Social & Behavioral

Sciences at Harris-Stowe State University.

WHAT: September 17<sup>th</sup> is Constitution Day and to commemorate this historic

national event HSSU is hosting a distinguished panel of guest speakers to

discuss this year's theme "The First Amendment and the Right to

Assemble and Protest."

The panel will feature Adolphus Pruitt II, president of the St. Louis City NAACP; Attorney Anthony Gray; Attorney Rufus Tate Jr.; Attorney Jeffrey Mittman, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Missouri; Attorney Denise Lieberman of the Advancement Project - Voter Protection Program; and Attorney Shira

Truitt.

Topics will include the First Amendment and knowing your rights before

you assemble and protest.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 17, 2014, from 1-2:20 p.m.

WHERE: The Emerson Performance Center Bank of America Theatre on HSSU's

campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

CONTACT: For more information about this event please contact Dr. Charlene L.

Jones at (314) 340-3317.

Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a fully accredited four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in the areas of teacher education, business and arts & sciences. In 2013, HSSU ranked No. 1 in the state in degree production of African-Americans in mathematics (Missouri Department of Higher Education). The university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the state of Missouri.